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DEPARTMENT PASS AID/NESA FOR ASST. ADMINISTRATOR WHEELER

E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GOVERNOR OF JORDAN CENTRAL BANK AND
PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH CHARGE AUGUST 15 GOVERNOR OF JORDAN
CENTRAL BANK DR. SAID NABULSI INDICATED THAT HE WILL BE IN
WASHINGTON WEEK FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 25 IN ORDER TO ATTEND
IMF MEETINGS. DR. NABULSI SAID HE WOULD WELCOME OPPOR-
TUNITY TO MEET WITH DEPARTMENT AND AID OFFICIALS RESPON-
SIBLE FOR US/GOJ BI-LATERAL AID AND ECONOMIC CONCERNS.

2. DR. NABULSI WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY DR. HANNAH ODEH,
PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AND FARHI OBAYD,
UNDERSECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE, WHO WOULD ALSO BE
AVAILABLE TO ACCOMPANY DR. NABULSI ON HIS CALLS.

3. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE OFFICIALS TO MANAGEMENT
OF THE JORDANIAN ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM,
EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS DISCUSSIONS BE ARRANGED WITH
NEA AND AID. WE SUGGEST MEETINGS WITH AID ASSISTANT
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ADMINISTRATOR WHEELER AND NEA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
DRAPER.

4. DR. NABULSI MENTIONED THAT JORDANIAN DELEGATION WILL BE
MEETING IN A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH IMF AND WORLD BANK
OFFICIALS AND SUGGESTED THAT DEPARTMENT AND AID MIGHT ALSO
WISH TO SEND SOMEONE TO THIS MEETING WHICH WILL COMPRISE A

MORE TECHNICAL REVIEW OF CURRENT JORDANIAN ECONOMIC PICTURE.

5. DR. NABULSI WILL BE DEPARTING JORDAN SEPTEMBER 7 TO ATTEND TWO-WEEK CONFERENCE OF ASPEN INSTITUTE. HE ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 AND IS AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS FROM SEPTEMBER 25 - 29 IN PERIODS NOT CONFLICTING WITH IMF MEETINGS.

6. EMBASSY BELIEVES DEPARTMENT AND AID WOULD DERIVE GREAT BENEFIT FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. NABULSI AND COMPANIONS SINCE THEY ARE AMONG THE MOST INFLUENTIAL AND KNOWLEDGABLE ECONOMIC POLICY-MAKERS IN JORDAN. WE BELIEVE THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM WOULD BE TIMELY IN TERMS OF FY-80 U. S. AID REVIEW AND IN HEARING THEIR DISCUSSION OF CURRENT JORDANIAN ECONOMIC AND AID-RELATED ISSUES.

7. REQUEST RESPONSE TO THIS CABLE SO WE CAN GIVE DR. NABULSI A GENERAL IDEA CONCERNING HIS APPOINTMENTS, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE SEPTEMBER 7. HE WILL BE STAYING AT THE SHERATON PARK HOTEL AND HAS REQUESTED NAME OF OFFICER IN STATE AND AID WHO HE CAN CONTACT DURING HIS TRIP FOR FINALIZING APPOINTMENTS. SUDDARTH

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